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COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, Please replace the section entitled "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" with the following:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM

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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment prior to an examination and consideration of the present application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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CHANGES MADE

1. The first part of the document is a list of the changes made to the original version. This list is organized into two columns. The left column contains the date of the change, and the right column contains a description of the change. The changes are listed in chronological order, starting from the most recent change at the top of the list.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to collaboration network systems in which a guest system operating in accordance with various sequences is connected to a host system operating in accordance with its own sequence, and the guest system executes
10 distribution processing on a job by utilizing resources included in the host system. More particularly, the present invention relates to a multi-network system in which an already-existing client server network is connected to a peripheral device or another client server network as a new client so as to constitute
15 a guest network having the newly provided client as a server. More particularly, the present invention further relates to a collaboration network system in which the server in the guest network executes distribution processing on the respective resources included in the multi-network system in accordance with
20 a job request from a user.

Description of the Background Art

Conventionally, when executing distribution processing on a job in a client server network being a distributing-type
25 processing system, a user or network manager needs to selectively